



## Cynthia Griffin

October 31, 1956 - August 9, 2014

Cynthia Michelle Griffin quietly transitioned from life to eternity on August 9, 2014. "Michelle," as she was affectionally called, was the fourth child born October 31, 1956 to the late Jesse Barnes, Jr., and Ernestine J. Barnes. Michelle was a graduate of Cradock High School in 1974 and completed further studies at Tidewater Community College. Michelle was recently employed by Portsmouth Parks and Recreation Department in the Six to Six and Summer Rays programs. She was previously employed with Portsmouth Public Schools as an instructional aide and substitute teacher for over 20 years, Virginia Beach Public Schools as a substitute teacher for several years and the Head Start Program for several years. A faithful servant of the Lord, she was a member of First Baptist Church, Bute Street, where she worked for many years with the Children's Church Ministry, and Vacation Bible School Ministry. Michelle had a loving and caring passion for children.

Michelle was predeceased by her parents, Jesse Barnes, Jr., and Ernestine J. Barnes; her husband, Clarence Griffin and infant son; Brandon Griffin. She is survived by her siblings, Mary L. Berry; Jacqueline Barnes; Jessie A. Barnes and Toxie Ricks. She also leaves to cherish her memories, nieces; Danita and Kippy, great-niece; Bryn, nephews; Jesse and Ronald, great-nephews; Ty, Ellis and Chase; and step-children; Terry Robertson, Ralph Robertson, Sheila Smith, Dennis Griffin, Valerie Griffin, Tracy Griffin, Douglas Griffin and Lisa Blount, as well as a devoted friend and caregiver; James

Forrest. Michelle will be truly missed in our hearts forever.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
418 E Bute Street  
Norfolk, VA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tammy Evans lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Griffin*



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**Tammy Evans** - August 15, 2014 at 10:42 AM

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“ *The Monk Family lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Griffin*



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**The Monk Family** - August 14, 2014 at 11:19 AM

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“ *Shirley Monk McCullough lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Griffin*



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**Shirley Monk McCullough** - August 14, 2014 at 11:18 AM

DB

“ *Aunt Michelle, thank you for everything. You were there for Danita and I from kindergarten at Douglass Park and you have always been there for us. Love you Kippy*

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**Delmarene Barnes** - August 13, 2014 at 06:26 PM

MB

“ *Mary Berry lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Griffin*



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**Mary Berry** - August 13, 2014 at 06:19 PM